BENGALURU, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 www.Bangaloremirror.com 12 Pages PRICE ₹3

Bangalore Mirror

TEMP Max 29 | Min 19 | Humidity 57% Mostly Cloudy Sensex 69,296 | Nifty 20,855 | Gold 62,500 | Silver 76,348 | Dollar 83.37 | Euro 90.27 | GBP 105.33

'Zero cases of environment-related offences registered under Water Act in Bengaluru where all water bodies are ailing'

WATER PROOF

'No firms penalised, served closure notice for polluting lakes'

Garima Prasher
garima.prasher
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Registering an increase of 5.8% from the previous year, Karnataka recorded 343 environment-related offences in 2022 according to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data.

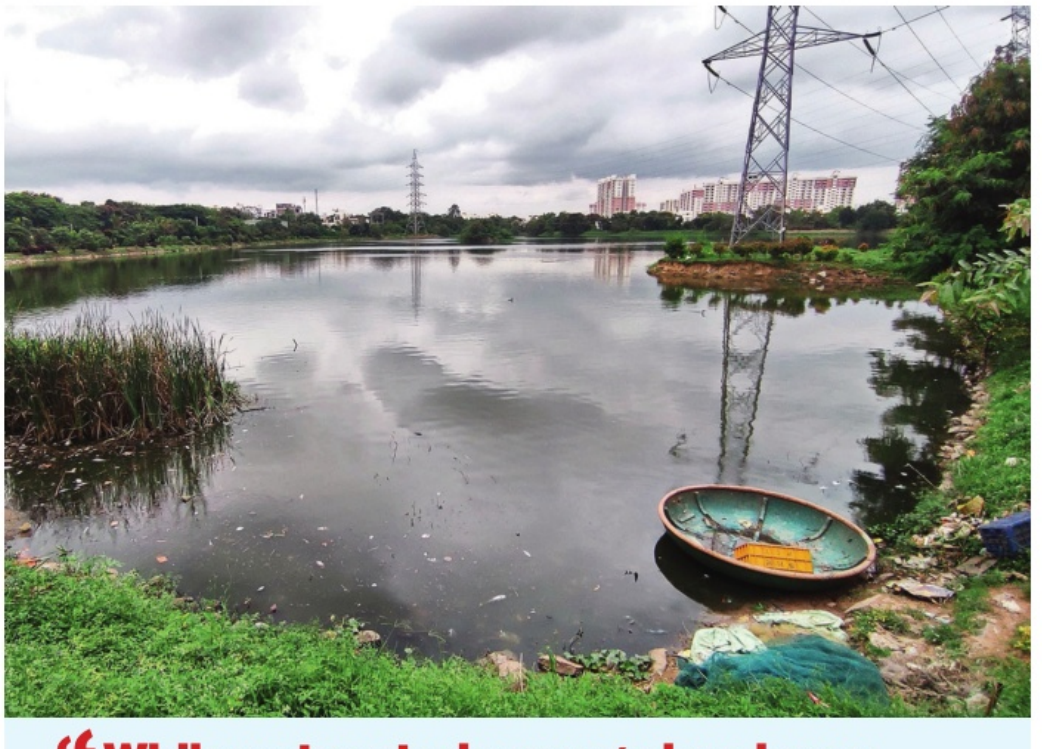
However, over 70% of these cases have been registered under the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.

When it comes to environmental-focused legislation such as the The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974; Noise Pollution Acts, and The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 — zero cases were registered.

Out of 343 cases, 250 were registered under the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, 91 cases were registered under the Forest Act & the Forest Conservation Act, and one each under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.

Moreover, no cases registered under environmental-related

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 »



"While untreated sewage has been entering lakes unabated, KSPCB has not imposed any fines on BWSSB or BBMP

—V Ramprasad, Friends of Lakes

16% spike in crimes committed by juveniles

Bengaluru posts highest number of murders committed by juveniles in south Indian metros past year, data reveals

Ahna Prakash
c-ahna.prakash@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

According to the latest data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), crimes committed by juveniles in Bengaluru have been on the rise each passing year.

The city recorded 200 crimes committed by juveniles in 2022, a 16% increase from 171 cases registered in 2020. Bengaluru now ranks third in south Indian cities in crimes committed by children.

The data showed that 13 juveniles were booked for attempt to murder (section 307 IPC). Bengaluru, according to the data, has the highest number of murders (section 302 IPC) committed by juveniles in the metropolitan cities of south India with eight murders in 2022.

The number of murders in Bengaluru is significantly higher than the number of murders in other cities, such as Chennai (5) and Hyderabad (3).

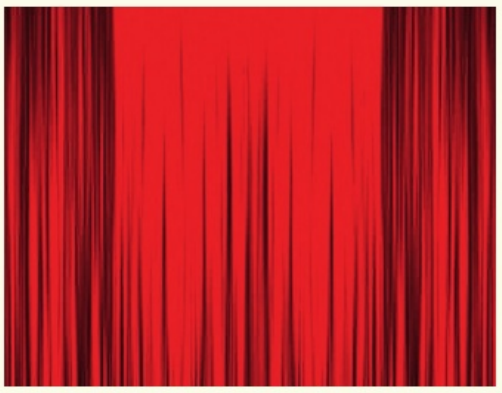
The NCRB data highlighted, most of the crimes committed by the juveniles were linked to theft and robbery. Last year, the city saw 34 theft cases by children, followed by 29 instances of robbery and four relating to making preparations for committing

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 »

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Creative innovation

Don't miss the chance to attend the OnePlus AI Music Festival, a multi-genre musical event for its ever-growing Indian community. The festival is a celebration of creativity, technology, and the vibrant spirit of this community. It enables enthusiasts to compose and blend genres using AI technologies. You can head to Paytm Insider to get your tickets. **Where: Manpho Convention Centre; When: December 17**



02 Seasonal value

More than 400 incredible kids from Makkala Jagriti are coming together to perform in Malleswaram. Makkala Raaga aims to celebrate the diversity of India's seasons. The music and dance performances portray the influence of nature on the lives of Indians across regions and religions.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
When: Today; 3 pm and 6:30 pm

03 Art and artists

Get ready for an exclusive art show that features eight master artists from Karnataka. The artists whose works will be showcased are KK Hebbar, Yusuf Arakkal, SG Vasudev, Dr MS Murthy, Rekha Hebbar Rao, JMS Mani, Gurudas Shenoy, and MG Doddamani.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, BIC 7, 4th Main Road, Stage 2, Domlur; When: Today

Bout of dengue that city can't seem to shake off

B'luru witnesses surge in dengue, with 7,256 cases being highest in last few years; experts say intermittent rainfall has led to persistence of illness

Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan
@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @sridharvMirror

The year 2023 has seen a resurgence in dengue cases. According to the latest report, Bengaluru has seen a whopping 7,256 dengue cases. This is the highest number of cases in the last few years. During a recent reply to the Legislative Council, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "From January 1 till November 27, Bengaluru has witnessed 7,256 dengue cases in BBMP and 57 in Bengaluru urban, excluding the BBMP region. Overall, nine people, including four, have died in Bengaluru from dengue." This is said to be the highest mortality from dengue in recent years. As of September 5, Bengaluru had reported 4,087 cases. This means that in the last 83 days (till November 27), the city has reported 3,169 cases.

Usually, dengue cases reduce with the onset of cold weather. Dr Dinesh V Kamath (Consultant - Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital, Malleswaram) said, "In recent times, there has been a decline in dengue cases; however, sporadic instances with both mild and severe complications continue to emerge. Typically, dengue is less prevalent during the cold season, but this year, intermittent rainfall and the potential influence of cyclonic effects in neighbouring states have led to the persistence of some cases."

Several individuals are presenting with typical dengue symptoms and complications, prompting hospital admissions for observation and treatment, including the administration of platelets in certain patients. Fortunately, all patients are responding well, and there have been no reported mortalities or deaths attributable to dengue fever, he explained.

Overall, nine people, including four, have died in Bengaluru from dengue, says Health Minister of Karnataka

Adding to this, Parimala V Thirumalesh (Sr Consultant - Neonatology & Paediatrics, Aster CMI Hospital) added, "Due to cold temperatures, mosquito breeding slows down, making them the primary carriers of dengue virus. Cold weather can reduce the availability of suitable mosquito breeding sites, like stagnant water in containers, puddles, or flooded areas. Freezing temperatures can even kill mosquito larvae and pupae, and thus the number of dengue cases decreases during this season. Colder temperatures for the mosquito vector and the virus itself, like lower transmission efficacy, reduced human-mosquito contact, and seasonal immunity, could be some other reasons why dengue cases decrease during the winter. However, as compared to last season, there has been no decline in the number of dengue cases this year, mainly due to the cyclone rains in the neighbouring state."

The net effect of cyclone rains on dengue cases depends on the interplay of various factors and their specific intensity and duration in a particular region. Some areas might experience a significant surge in cases, while others might see a decrease or even no change.

It's crucial to note that the decrease in dengue cases during the winter is inconsistent. Factors like local climate variations, mosquito species dominance, and pre-existing immunity can be the major contributors to the exact pattern. However, the general trend of reduced transmission due to the winter season is well-observed in many regions, she added.

> **"In recent times, there has been a decline in dengue cases. However, sporadic instances continue to emerge**
> – Dr Dinesh V Kamath, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital

Earlier, the health department had come up with an app to monitor and manage these cases. An app developed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) will be used. The government had also launched a disease surveillance dashboard and mobile application in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science's AI and Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK@IISc).

Officials had claimed that these tools would provide predictive analytics to assist policymakers and public health officials in outbreak preparation and disease control activities.

For safer streets: 'Together we stand'

Bangalore Mirror Bureau
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

'Namma Raste', a two-day exhibition and convening, is being organised by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), in partnership with WRI India, under the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety. The event is going to bring together civil society groups, academic institutions, and corporate organisations to facilitate knowledge-sharing and discussions aimed at building safer, more inclusive, and more resilient streets in the city. It is going to take place in that Glass House at the BBMP Head Office on December 8 and 9.

BS Prahlad, Chief Engineer of BBMP, said in a video message inviting citizens, "It is the BBMP's intention to make Bengaluru's streets safer not just for vehicles but also for pedestrians. Developing good roads and good footpaths is the key."

Pawan Mulukutla, Executive Programme Director, Integrated Transport, Clean Air, and Hydrogen at WRI India, said, "Bengaluru is transforming its transport network. In the next two to three years, we will have more buses added, the metro corridor extended, and suburban rail providing connectivity to different parts of the city. For all this to be effective, we need to ensure that our streets are walkable, safe, inclusive, and resilient." He invited residents to attend the exhibition in order to understand how various stakeholders come together to address challenges.

BBMP wakes up & smells fire

Plan to ensure fire safety, 13 years after construction of Annexure 3

Melvin Mathew
c-melvin.mathew
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

File photo of the fire accident at the quality control checking unit at BBMP's head office in August this year

After the fire incident at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) headquarters, the civic agency is planning to install a fire combating system at Annexure 3 in compliance with National Building Codes. The project is estimated to cost around Rs 7 crore.

Under the orders of the Chief Commissioner, the BBMP is planning to make the Annexure 3 building located at its headquarters to make it more fire-safety compliant. Efforts are ongoing to install a fire sprinkler system through all the offices in Annexure 3.

"We are planning to build emergency exit staircases on both sides of the building. The water sprinkler system will be installed in all offices in Annexure 3. We are also establishing new lifts," said a BBMP official.

Officials say that buildings with more than six floors have to be mandatorily installed with fire sprinkler systems and hence such a system is not needed in Annexure 2 and 1. As of now, fire extinguishers have been placed on each floor to be used during emergencies.

However, BBMP might be planning a fire extinguishing pipe around the periphery of BBMP to allow for first-measure fire-fighting efforts before the fire engines reach the spot.

Currently, Palike officials have prepared the Detailed Project Report and are yet to call the tender. According to sources, the Chief Commissioner has allocated grants up to Rs 5 crore but they might need an additional Rs 2 crore.

After the fire accident at the Quality and Control Department in Annexure 2 building, Annexure 3 with six floors came under the scanner for not having a no-objection certificate (NOC) from the Fire Department. Measures are being undertaken for the building to become eligible for applying for the NOC. Palike is planning to apply for the NOC after 13 years of constructing the building that houses many of the top officials of BBMP.

In the fire accident that occurred in August, several suffered critical burns and BBMP Chief Engineer Shivakumar succumbed to his injuries.

Schools bomb hoax: 27 cases opened

A few days after bomb hoax emails were sent to 68 schools in and around Bengaluru, police have opened 27 cases at different stations in the city. In an effort to gather more information about the case, the police have also chosen to write to the Interpol division of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

All of the investigating officers met to discuss the progress of the case, said Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda. "A total of 27 incidents have been reported at various police stations regarding the hoax bomb threat case.

Last year, several minors were detained after similar threats were delivered to schools. To see whether there are any commonalities between these cases, we convened a meeting with every investigating officer," Dayananda added.

The accused used several email addresses from the service provider Beeble.com to send threats. The service provider has responded to a letter sent by the Bengaluru Police.

Diamond, gold, cash: Booty at Bescom engineer's properties

During searches at a Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) executive engineer's Bengaluru properties on Tuesday morning, Karnataka Lokayukta officers discovered jewels, gold, antiquities, and other things valued at Rs 1.5 crore and Rs 92.95 lakh in cash.

At least 13 government personnel were the target of simultaneous searches by numerous teams led by the police branch of the anti-corruption ombudsman, which included three operations in Bengaluru.

A report stated that the raids were being conducted in relation to instances involving disproportionate assets.

Investigations into the Jakkur home of executive engineer HD Channakeshava of Bescom resulted in the revelation of a diamond valued at Rs 25 lakh, 28 kg of silver, 3 kg of gold, and antique objects worth Rs 5 lakh in addition to Rs 6 lakh in cash. According to sources, the total raid is likely to have yielded Rs 1.5 crore.

Following additional raids at the Sahakara Nagar home of Tarun, Channakeshava's brother-in-law, authorities discovered 55 grams of gold and Rs 92,95,460 in cash, mostly in Rs 500 notes.

In addition to Channakeshava, there were raids in Bengaluru on properties owned by HS Krishnamurthy of the Kanminike Milk Producers Co-operative Society in Kumbalgodu and Sudhakar Reddy of EE (Electric), Bescom, KR Circle.

Woman gets back at hubby with bomb hoax

After sending a fictitious bomb threat message to the authorities using her husband's phone, a 32-year-old housewife was arrested by the Anekal Police. Vidhya Rani, a resident of Anekal Town, has been identified as the accused. The FIR said that the woman followed the advice of an acquaintance and sent a phoney message from her husband's phone. The acquaintance was a man she had met online and was communicating with on a daily basis.

When Kiran Mallappa Aragi, Vidhya Rani's husband, discovered that she was corresponding with men she had met online, he allegedly shattered her phone. As per Kiran's filed police report, Vidhya purportedly told Ramu Kumar, one of her online buddies, about her husband smashing her phone. Ram Kumar's friend Ajith allegedly sent Vidhya a fake message and advised her to send it to the police using her husband's phone.

Vidhya is accused of forwarding a fake message on Sunday from her husband's WhatsApp account, saying there would be several RDX explosives, and then deleting the messages. When the police came to Kiran's home to ask him about the message received from his number, the woman admitted to sending a fake message from his phone.

mahindra Rise
SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES
NEW YEAR'S COMING SOON
BUT THE CELEBRATION STARTS NOW
Hurry!
Bring home your Mahindra SUV before prices increase
Thar to XUV700: Mahindra SUVs may get costlier from January 2024
Mahindra is reportedly planning to increase the prices of its passenger vehicles in India from January 2024.....
Source: auto.hindustantimes.com
VALID TILL 28TH DECEMBER 2023
XUV400
BENEFITS UP TO ₹4 20 000.00*
BOLERO NEO
BENEFITS UP TO ₹1 12 000.00*
BOLERO
BENEFITS UP TO ₹88 000.00*
XUV300
BENEFITS UP TO ₹1 56 000.00*
with you hamesha
xmart by mahindra
SMART BUY. SMART EXCHANGE.
*Credit at the sole discretion of bank. #Subject to credit approval from the Bank/Finance approval. All other terms and conditions will apply. Offer valid on select models till stocks last. This offer cannot be clubbed with any other offer. Offer mentioned is maximum benefit available inclusive of insurance, exchange, loyalty, corporate as applicable. Offer will vary depending on the brand and model purchased and may vary from city to city. Contact your nearest Mahindra dealer for exact details. Terms of the offer may be altered/amended/withdrawn without prior notice. Accessories shown are not part of standard equipment. T&C apply.
PPS MAHINDRA
Indiranagar, HBR Layout, Lavelle Road, Hebbal, Koramangala, Nelamangala, Kanakpura Road, Kolar:
6309555517
SIREESH AUTO PVT LTD
Hosur Road, Yelahanka, Rajajinagar, Bommasandra, Dommasandra, Devanahalli:
8884499046
ANANT CARS AUTO PVT LTD
Bannerghatta Road, Mysore Road, Marathahalli, KR Puram:
9900077177
INDIA GARAGE BANGALORE
Palace Cross Road, Whitefield, Lalbagh, Chikkaballapura:
9785513333
HD MOTORS
Tumkur, Chitradurga, Tiptur:
9513353925

Dig deal has left this road in powdered form

15 days ago, 24th Main Road at HSR Layout 2nd Sector was dug up to replace damaged electric cable; since then there is no attempt to restore shattered part

| Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Commuters find it difficult to ride on the 24th Main Road that connects Bommanahalli, Kudlu Gate, and Somasundarapalya due to potholes and craters that pose danger

Residents of HSR Layout 2nd Sector and motorists are finding it tough to commute on the 24th Main Road that connects Bommanahalli, Kudlu Gate, and Somasundarapalya due to potholes and craters that pose danger and hurdles for the smooth movement of vehicles. They complain that Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is shifting the blame on Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) engineers who dug up the road to replace a damaged electric cable. They said that they have been struggling a lot for the past 15 days due to the failure of the authorities concerned to restore the road that was dug up to repair a damaged electric cable.

Venkatesh Reddy, a resident of the area, said that he has already informed the BBMP executive engineer about the bad condition of the road, but nothing has been done till date. "The BESCOM authorities did not bother to restore the road that was dug up. The BBMP engineer engaged people to fill potholes but not to restore the dug-up portion of the road, stating that it is BESCOM's responsibility to restore the road," he said. He added that the BBMP has filled small and medium-sized potholes on the road. "I want either the BBMP or the BESCOM to restore the road for the benefit of motorists," he said.

Expressing concern over the negligence of the authorities concerned in fixing the pothole problems, K Surendra Babu, another resident, said the condition of the roads at Somasundarapalya highlights the need for a robust system to track and address civic problems.

"The negligence of authorities in addressing the complaints is alarming. We, as the residents, have the right to know how many infrastructure-related issues are addressed, how many complaints are yet to be attended, and why there is a delay in attending pothole problems," he said. Many expressed their frustration over troubles being caused on the road.

> **"The BESCOM authorities did't bother to restore the road. The BBMP engineer engaged people to fill potholes but not to restore the dug-up portion** –V Reddy

Furthermore, HS Venkatesh, a resident, has opined that the BESCOM authorities should restore the road without any delay. "It is their responsibility to restore the road. The more delay in restoring the road, the more inconvenience for motorists," he added.

Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer (Major Roads) Madhu said that measures were already taken to fill up potholes on the 24th Main Road a few days ago. "I will look into the matter. I will inform the BESCOM engineer to restore the road. The problem will be solved within a few days," he said.

Metro Mitra is good, but what is that?

| Iffath Fathima
Iffath.Fathima@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The Metro Mitra initiative was recently started in the month of September as a pilot project by the Auto Rickshaw Drivers Union (ARDU) to make it easier for metro commuters to get autos easily and reach their final destination. While this initiative can help many people get auto rickshaws easily, there is still a lack of awareness, and the number of auto drivers coming forward to get registered for the initiative has been low.

The pilot project was started at Jayanagar and the RV Road Metro Station. The aim of the ARDU is to get around 1,000 drivers for the Metro Mitra, but so far only 169 drivers have registered. The initial months of the pilot have been very slow, with only 10 rides per day.

Pattabhirama PL, Organiser Secretary, ARDU, said, "We have not been getting drivers to come forward for this. So far, we have 169 drivers registered for Metro Mitra, and they have been trained and sensitised on how to take up bookings and behave with customers. As this is an initiative for the community, we still do not have the necessary funds to pace it up. We are still carrying out tests and seeing how they work. The start has been slow, but we will soon be pacing it up as soon as more drivers come in. We will shortly have a meeting with different stakeholders to come up with solutions on how we can make this work on a larger scale."

He further added that the idea in the long term is to find several auto rickshaw hubs across Metro Mitra zones at malls, popular landmarks, housing colonies, and more.

Currently, bookings are taken on the metromitra.co.in app. The association pointed out that there is not much awareness, even among the public. "The public still doesn't know about this initiative and hasn't made full use of it. While we are also waiting to advertise or spread awareness only when we get more drivers, as we have started the Namma Yatri app, we are not only looking at Namma Yatri drivers but even other ride hailing apps drivers can join in for the initiative," explained Pattabhirama. A QR code is there to give all the details of the driver, and commuters will also have the option to choose their drivers in order to avoid overcharging or refusing to go.

In the Metro Mitra, the auto drivers can charge an extra Rs 10 for the maintenance of the app. "We are not charging any high amount, but in fact a nominal amount of Rs 10 extra, or else many citizens end up paying double the amount as the drivers charge them their own price. Once people start to use our website for bookings, they will see a lot of benefits. We are also collaborating with BMRCL to integrate Metro Mitra's services with its WhatsApp chatbot," he added.

whatsapp MIRROR
9591233247
Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Case solved!

Jeweller Street

Thanks to Bangalore Mirror, we had previously highlighted the issue of unfixed manholes. Following its publication, the necessary repairs have been done.

Sewage overflow

Vittal Mallya Road

Vittal Mallya Road, particularly at the Third Wave Coffee junction, has been facing a drainage issue leading to an overflow for several days. Sewage has been streaming onto the street.

Garbage issue

JP Nagar

A garbage dump near the government school at Marenahalli in JP Nagar has become a cause for concern.

Karnataka is 4th in country in filing IT returns

Bangalore Mirror Bureau
mybangaloremirror
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Over the past four financial years, there has been a consistent rise in the number of income tax returns filed by individuals in Karnataka, indicating a positive trend in tax compliance and awareness among the residents. In the fiscal year 2019-20, approximately 38.18 lakh individuals filed their IT returns, and this number slightly increased to 39.25 lakh in 2020-21. The following year, in 2021-22, the number grew to 39.80 lakh, and in the latest financial year, 2022-23, it reached 42.58 lakh.

To assess Karnataka's significance in the national tax landscape, we can analyse its contribution to the overall IT returns filed in India. In the fiscal year 2019-20, Karnataka accounted for approximately 5.90% of the total IT returns. Although this percentage saw a slight decline to 5.84% in 2020-21, it remained substantial. In the financial year 2021-22, Karnataka's share was approximately 5.74%, and in the latest financial year 2022-23, it stood at around 5.75%.

Regarding zero tax liability, out of the total number of returns filed in Karnataka for the last four financial years, 12,46,799 individuals had zero tax liability in 2019-20, followed by 23,61,785 in 2020-21, 24,22,438 in 2021-22, and 24,63,232 in 2022-23. This data suggests that a substantial number of tax filers in the state did not have any tax liability during these periods.

In the financial year 2022-23, Karnataka ranked fourth in the country in terms of Income Tax (IT) returns filed with a total of 42,58,035 IT returns. Uttar Pradesh secured the second position with 71,65,746 IT returns filed, while Tamil Nadu secured the third position with 45,90,531 IT returns. The state with the highest number of IT returns filed in 2022-23 was Maharashtra, with a total of 1,13,91,610 IT returns.

In financial year 2021-22, State's share was around 5.74%, and in the latest financial year 2022-23, it stood at around 5.75%

During a recent reply in the parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "There has been a 6.18% increase in the number of individuals filing Income Tax Returns in the Financial Year 2022-23 compared to the previous year. This growth can be attributed to several steps taken by the Government to enhance tax compliance."

On the reasons for increasing tax compliance, she said the introduction of the updated Form 26AS, containing comprehensive information on tax deductions, specified financial transactions, tax payments, and more, has improved taxpayer awareness and voluntary compliance.

Hands off forest land as court foils conversion plan

Court orders criminal case against Revenue officer for converting forest land into revenue land; environmentalists applaud first such case

Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Forest land in urban areas is always susceptible to encroachment or conversion into revenue land

The Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court, Mayo Hall, has ordered the registration of a criminal case against Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Bengaluru North and Bengaluru East Tahsildar for converting 17 acres and 34 guntas of forest land into revenue land in violation of the Forest Conservation Act. Billed as the first such case in the annals of Karnataka, environmentalists hailed it and urged the authorities to take measures to retain the forest land that is either encroached upon or converted into revenue land.

The Metropolitan Magistrate, based on a private complaint lodged by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban, on November 29 ordered a criminal case against the accused and adjourned the case to December 29. The land (17 acres and 34 guntas) is located in Kothanur village in Bengaluru East Taluk.

The Magistrate stated that it is not out of place to mention that, accused no. 1 and 2 being revenue officials, having knowledge of the order of Honourable High Court of Karnataka in respect of the land, changed the entry. "It amounts to disobedience and contempt. Indeed sanction accorded against the accused no. 2 by competent authority. However, accused no. 1, who is Assistant Commissioner, being a revenue official expected to have knowledge of the settled position in respect of the land. When the honourable Division Bench elar and unequivocal terms held that land belongs to forest department, he would have enquired passing any order. Accused no. 1 and 2 not only violated and disobeyed the order of the honourable High Court of Karnataka but also not considered Section 2 of the Conservation of Forest Act," said the magistrate in the order.

The magistrate said the land in question is forest land, the duty of preservation of which is thrust upon every citizen and more specifically the court of law. "Taking note of the fact that there is blatant violation of honourable High Court's order and also considering that no hardship would be caused to the accused if cognizance taken and summons issued against them. This court is of the considered view that it is a fit case to take cognizance and summon the accused," the magistrate said in the order.

"I thank the DCF for lodging a complaint against the revenue officers responsible for this conversion

–AN Yelappa Reddy, environmentalist

Kudos to DCF

Environmentalists have appreciated the Deputy Conservator of Forests for lodging a private complaint against the Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) and Tahsildar of Bengaluru East Taluk. They also demanded that the forest department initiate similar action against those responsible for encroaching or transferring forest land across the state.

"I thank the DCF for lodging a private complaint against the revenue officers who are responsible for converting forest land into revenue land. I am very happy with the Magistrate Court ordering a criminal case against the accused persons," said Dr AN Yellappa Reddy, an environmentalist.

Stating that it is encouraging that the government has taken stern action against revenue officers for fabricating land records, Joseph Hoover, an environmentalist, said that environmentalists will be more happy if the government ensures that there is coordination between the revenue and forest departments. "This synergy will help to save reserve forests and discourage the rich from building ranches and home stays in the midst of the elephant corridor. It will help to mitigate human-animal conflicts and save both man and elephants," said Hoover.

Meanwhile, Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre said that he has already directed the forest officers to take measures to recover the forest land. "I welcome the court order on registering criminal complaints against the revenue officers. It will convey a strong message to those responsible for converting forest land into revenue land," the minister said.

IN BRIEF

Obscene content: HC halts streaming

The Karnataka High Court has suspended live streaming and video conferencing due to hackers playing obscene and indecent videos on Tuesday.

Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale orally stated that an unfortunate situation had arisen, and live streaming and video conferencing facilities would not be permitted.

He said that some mischief had been played, and there might be a mischief-maker involved.

"We have to take this decision due to an unprecedented situation. Karnataka High Court was always in favor of technology being used for better services for the public at large. Unfortunately, technology is being misused," the Chief Justice said. He also requested advocates not to rush to the Registrar and computer team to find out why permission is not granted.

The Chief Justice termed it an unfortunate and unprecedented incident. Miscreants hacked the live streaming of the Karnataka High Court and played obscene videos.. **IANS**

Airport MEMU train to go till Chikkaballapur

Airport MEMU train services have been extended till Chikkaballapur by the South estern Railways (SWR). Bowing to public demand, three trains from different stations in Bengaluru have been extended from Devanahalli till Chikkaballapur from December 11. Three trains have also been scheduled to start from Chikkaballapur. However, to enable the services, three trains have been cancelled. It is to be noted that there is no stoppage at stations like Bettahalsoor, Doddajala and Channasandra. Rail activist Rajkumar Dugar, said that the move has been long overdue by the SWR. He has requested the SWR to ensure that all the MEMUs make stops at intermediate stations with reliability and puncatlity, to make arrangements if there are no agents present at these stations. **BMB**

Educational strain is for real!

CAMPUS NOTES

Increase in number of suicides on city campuses sparks conversation about escalating stress levels

With the placement season peaking in colleges, the pressure that comes with it is unspoken. Sometimes this pressure transforms into unbearable pain, which has caused students to take the extreme step of committing suicide. There has been an increase in the number of suicides on city campuses, with the latest being reported last week. This has ignited a conversation about the escalating stress levels for students as they grapple with the intense competition and expectations associated with securing placements in the job market.

"There have been many cases throughout the year from various colleges, with different reasons for taking such a tragic step. While some of them have personal issues like peer pressure, family problems, or relationship issues, the others have professional issues like academic stress, language barriers, and a lack of exposure. The relentless competition for placements, coupled with societal expectations and the weight of academic performance, has led to a concerning increase in student suicides," said a college official.

According to the data provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 13,089 students died by suicide in 2021 (the year of its latest report on suicides).

Many students expressed their concerns over the pressure being faced at college and at home.

Neelkamal D, an engineering student, said, "We have always been taught to study well and achieve success. But nobody has taught us what we should do when we fail in life."

Vandana K, another student, added, "When you see your friends and cousins getting placed in big companies, the pressure at college and home automatically builds up if you aren't placed yet. It sometimes makes us question our own capabilities."

Others added that society is weakening students by putting unrealistic expectations on them.

A recent graduate said, "The struggle does not end at college. We face it even in the outside world after we start working. The toxic corporate culture and homesickness take a toll on our mental health."

An official said, "If students are going to lose hope and give up on life even before their real life has begun, how are they going to cope with the adversities that life will throw at them later on? Are we, as a society, raising our young adults to face life with courage, or are we weakening them by putting unrealistic expectations on them by comparing them to others?"

—Sanjana Rao

Write to BM

Do you have a college tale worth sharing? Your chance has arrived! BM is launching Campus Notes, a column dedicated to students from city colleges. Whether it's addressing issues or highlighting positive developments, this is your platform. You can write at mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com or WhatsApp us on the number 9591233247.

Suicide prevention helpline numbers

Vandrevala Foundation (www.vandrevalafoundation.com): +91 9999666555, a 24/7 helpline. Kiran: 961-944-5504. A national 24/7 toll-free helpline launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to help people with suicidal thoughts, depression, and other mental health issues. Mitram Foundation: (mitramfoundation.org): +91 961-944-5504; 10am to 2pm, Monday to Saturday.

Tech pact unfolds between India and Japan

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Keio University, Japan, jointly established the 'India Japan Science Technology Innovation Forum,' a transformative platform for discussions on emerging trends and their implications. The forum aims to bring together academics, businesses, and civil societies to study the current and future landscape and develop coordinated strategies for societal transformation through science, technology, and innovation.

As part of this, a two-day conference was held recently to focus on themes such as innovation through SMEs, energy and climate change, social transformation, and achieving sustainability. The conference also released a policy note titled 'Flourishing through Societal Change India Japan Science Technology Innovations,' analysing the collaborative potential between India and Japan. There were four themes during the conference.

The first theme focused on innovation through SMEs, emphasising the vital role these enterprises play in both economies. The second theme explored the collaboration between India and Japan on energy and climate change, addressing challenges and innovations in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green finance, and joint research. The third theme focused on social transformation, which delved into the comprehensive shift both countries envision to meet 21st-century challenges. The fourth theme was sustainability.

–BMB

CBSE to abandon overall division in boards

Bangalore Mirror Bureau
mybangaloremirror
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

In a big update to the students taking board exams this year, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will not award any overall division or distinction in class 10 and 12 board examinations. Instead, the board will continue the practice of awarding marks in each subject, and it is for the higher education institution or employer concerned to calculate the aggregate, if required, the official said.

CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj said, "No overall division, distinction, or aggregate of marks shall be awarded. Also, if a candidate has offered more than five subjects, the decision to determine the best five subjects may be taken by the admitting institution or employer. In fact, the board does not calculate, declare, or inform the percentage of marks. If the percentage of marks is required for higher education or employment, the calculation, if any, may be done by the admitting institution or employer," he said.

Earlier, the CBSE also did away with the practice of issuing merit lists to avoid unhealthy competition.

The decision to not announce the merit list was taken in 2020 during the covid-19-induced lockdown when the results were being announced using the average of marks secured by students in the exams. However, the board decided against resuming the practice in the post-pandemic years. The board exams for classes 10 and 12 will begin on February 15, 2024, as the CBSE announced in May. The Ministry of Education had earlier this year decided to announce exam schedules much in advance to sync the academic calendar and help students prepare for entrance exams. However, the datesheet for the exams has yet to be announced. More than 28,000 schools are affiliated with the CBSE in India and 26 other countries. More than 21 lakh candidates appeared for the CBSE class 10 examinations last year, and over 16 lakh candidates appeared for the class 12 board exams.

The board will continue the practice of awarding marks in each subject instead of awarding division or distinction

HEALTH TIP: Fat-soluble vitamins, like vitamin K and vitamin A, are best absorbed when the meal contains some dietary fat, which you can get from oil

Most green and orange vegetables contain high levels of vitamin C. Vitamin C is an important water-soluble vitamin because it acts as an antioxidant

BangaloreMirror | 7
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/thebangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

BREAK BARRIERS

Endometriosis: It's time to change pattern of pain, stigma for better diagnosis, treatment

Endometriosis is a debilitating disease that affects an estimated one million Canadians. It involves the overgrowth of endometrial tissue (the tissue that lines the uterus), which typically sheds during menstruation and regrows to support reproduction.

With endometriosis, the endometrial tissue grows excessively, both inside and outside of the uterus, which can cause pelvic pain, extreme menstrual cramping and non-menstrual cramping, as well as chronic fatigue and reduced fertility.

The Government of Canada recently announced more than $1.6 million for endometriosis patients and research, the largest single investment in endometriosis care in Canada for the last 20 years. This much-needed, long-awaited funding will go far to address the many challenges that endometriosis patients face, including struggling to get a diagnosis in the first place, dismissal of their symptoms, related stigma, and ineffective treatments.

Left untreated, endometriosis can affect the central nervous system, leaving patients at heightened risk of abnormal pain and chronic pain presentation, which too often negatively impacts their overall quality of life.

In fact, endometriosis patients often experience a reduced ability to participate in the activities of everyday life. Yolanda Kirkham, an obstetrician-gynecologist (OBGYN) from the University of Toronto, has reported that girls and young women are unable to attend school for a few days each month due to their symptoms, while others with the disease frequently miss work due to nausea and vomiting.

The unfortunate outcome for these patients is not just their reduced ability to participate in activities. It also means they experience significant losses in their economic productivity. Researchers have found that the average endometriosis patient in Canada loses around $3,400 in economic productivity per year.

Delayed diagnosis

One of the significant challenges faced by people with endometriosis is receiving a diagnosis. Patients experience an average delay of 5.4 years from the onset of symptoms to diagnosis. The symptoms are similar to other reproductive health issues (such as polycystic ovary syndrome) or severe period pain, which can be confusing for non-specialist health-care professionals.

Research with endometriosis patients has shown that most cases of endometriosis are not diagnosed by primary care providers, but by specialists — namely OB-GYNs to whom they are referred. Taken together with long waiting lists for specialists, the barriers to diagnosis are significant.

Another barrier is that women often have difficulty convincing care providers their pain is real and a cause of concern. In a recent research project, one of us (Sarah Seabrook) examined 70 publicly available accounts of people experiencing endometriosis, including quotes printed in newspapers, as well as from the narratives published by endometriosis not-for-profit EndoAct.

Patients described being dismissed, that their pain was "just muscle pain," "all women go through this," and "this is the way cycles are for women," and to live with it.

This dismissal of pain is particularly troublesome because people don't often share their menstrual experiences and may be unable to differentiate between normal and abnormal menstrual experiences. In an article published by CBC News in 2021, a woman with endometriosis reported that the first few times she had her period, she was hospitalized for severe pain, but because this was her initial experience of menstruation, "she thought the pain related to her period was normal."

Lack of effective treatments

Once endometriosis is diagnosed, there are significant barriers to receiving effective treatment. The first line of treatment is typically hormonal birth control, which does nothing to address the growth of endometrial tissue, although for some people it can help with controlling menstrual pain. The same is true of anti-inflammatories and painkillers, which can reduce pain, but do little for the growth of endometrial tissue.

When things are more severe, patients might be given surgical options such as tissue excision (removing the entire endometriosis lesion) or ablation (burning off the surface of the endometriosis lesion). However, these procedures are rarely curative — the excess endometrial tissue grows back in a lot of cases. As a final resort, some patients undergo a hysterectomy. For the most part, endometriosis care is focused on either temporarily reducing pain, or temporarily controlling the growth of tissue.

The lack of effective treatment options is tied to an ongoing failure to understand endometriosis, its underlying causes and effects. Leading Canadian experts have been calling for the improved understanding of endometriosis care and its treatment options, and advocates have been mobilizing for increased funding to understand, diagnose and treat endometriosis in Canada.

To improve outcomes, endometriosis patients need more research, more options and more attention to be paid to the disease. The newly announced federal investment in endometriosis research and care by the federal government is a good first step — although continued funding and support will be needed to address the continued, far-reaching effects of endometriosis in Canada.

(By Sarah Seabrook and Alana Cattapan, University of Waterloo, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

3D eye scans

Info on kidney
According to studies, 3D eye scans can give critical information about kidney health that can assist in tracking disease progression. The advance could revolutionise the monitoring of kidney disease, which often progresses without symptoms in the early stages.

Early diagnosis
Experts say the technology has potential to support early diagnosis as current screening tests cannot detect the condition until half of the kidney function has been lost.

Changes to retina
Researchers used highly-magnified images to detect changes to the retina – the layer of tissue at the back of the eye that senses light and sends signals to the brain. They found that the images offer a quick, non-invasive way to monitor kidney health.

Key process
The eye is the only part of the body where it is possible to view a key process called microvascular circulation – and this flow of blood through the body's tiniest vessels is often affected in kidney disease.

OCT for kidney disease
Researchers at the University of Edinburgh investigated whether 3D images of the retina, taken using a technology called optical coherence tomography (OCT), could be used to identify and accurately predict the progression of kidney disease.

OCT scanners – used in most high street opticians – use light waves to create a cross-sectional picture of the retina, displaying each individual layer, within a few minutes.

More risk to kidney
More people than ever are at risk of kidney disease, which is often caused by other conditions that put a strain on the kidneys, including diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. **—ANI**

7 labourers die as machine with 100 tonnes of corn collapses in godown

Seven labourers from Bihar were killed after a gigantic processing machine collapsed, trapping them under a heap of about 100 tonnes of corn at a godown of a private food processing unit in Aliyabad industrial area here, police said on Tuesday.

The Karnataka government has announced a compensation of Rs 7 lakh each to the families of those who died in the tragedy. The injured will get Rs 50,000.

"Three people were injured but they were not trapped. Of the trapped people, one was rescued while seven of them died. All of them are labourers," Superintendent of Police of Vijayapura Sonawane Rishikesh Bhagawan told PTI.

The incident occurred on Monday evening. During a search and rescue operation, which started at around 6 pm on Monday and went on till 11 am Tuesday, the bodies of the seven labourers were pulled out while one person was rescued, the police officer said.

Another senior police official said, "The machine that processes corn has funnels laden with corn attached to it which are very heavy. The labourers working under it got trapped after it collapsed partially. These labourers got trapped under 100 tonnes of corn."

Karnataka District In Charge Minister M B Patil who was in Belagavi to attend the assembly session rushed to Vijayapura after learning about the incident.

> **"The machine that processes corn has funnels laden with corn attached to it which are very heavy. The labourers working under it got trapped after it collapsed partially**

Besides announcing compensation to the next of kin of the deceased and the injured, Patil said the district administration will facilitate sending the bodies to their respective places.

He also said that the bodies will be airlifted either from Belagavi Airport or Kalaburgi Airport.

"Of the Rs 7 lakh to each family of the deceased workers, Rs 5 lakh each will be provided by the owner of the unit and Rs 2 lakh each will be given by the government of Karnataka," Patil's office said in a statement.

He further stated that an FIR has been lodged about the incident and an inquiry will be conducted following the due procedure. Patil, who holds the large and medium industries portfolio, directed the officials to issue a circular to all industries in the state to ensure compliance with safety measures. **PTI**

Who's responsible for state of lakes?

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

offences were disposed of in the state this year, taking the total number of cases pending investigation to 423 (80 pending cases from the previous year).

Experts said it is ironic that zero cases under the Water Act have been registered from the state whose capital has all its water bodies ailing. They underline that such statistics only show that agencies such as Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), and Karnataka Tank Conservation Development Authority (KTCDA) are not discharging their duties in true spirit.

"All lakes in Bengaluru are choking under the weight of untreated sewage and industrial discharge. Under the Water and the Air Act, the state pollution control board has been empowered to take legal action against the defaulters. However, KSPCB has only been monitoring different types of pollution and not discharging other basic duties. In an RTI response, the board has admitted that no industries have been fined for polluting lakes in Bengaluru since 2017 and no closure notices were issued to the industries too. While untreated sewage has been entering lakea unabated, KSPCB has not imposed any fines on BWSSB or BBMP," said V Ramprasad, founder, Friends of Lakes.

According to environmentalist Dr AN Yellappa Reddy, while KSPCB has been tasked to deal with air and water pollution, the zero offence scenario explains why our water bodies are ailing and air quality is going for a toss. Environmental impact assessment rules, hazardous waste and electronic waste rules, and such are included under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 — still, zero cases registered highlights lack of awareness about these crimes among enforcement agencies.

"There are thousands of complaints under various environmental focus legislation filed with KSPCB, but the board has been lackadaisical about taking up these complaints, filing cases, and penalising defaulters. EPA Act is not being enforced as well," said Reddy.

'200 crimes committed by juveniles in 2022'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

dacoity. Bengaluru recorded 75 cases of juveniles committing offences against property. The city ranks fourth in the country for rash driving by juveniles, resulting in 18 registered cases. Three cases were recorded of assault on women by juveniles with intent to outrage modesty.

Kiran Jeevan, professor of social work at St Joseph's University, said class divisions in society and the influence of social media on everyday life are major reasons behind the spike in juvenile crime rate.

"In today's world when capitalism influences our life and choices, children are subjected to the class divide, making them believe that maintaining a certain lifestyle is the only way forward. I have seen children demanding expensive things from their parents, because they saw somebody else use it despite knowing that their parents can't afford it. This leads to instances where children are caught shoplifting or being engaged in theft to get money," he said.

Jeevan added, "today's children are exposed to social media, where one can't always regulate what media the child is consuming. There are videos on the internet that might show that violence is not a bad thing, or the child might be exposed to content which is not suitable for their age."

In total, in 96.2% cases registered in Bengaluru, the juveniles in question were found guilty; of these juveniles, 73 children have been sent to special homes and 293 were apprehended during the year 2022.

Among the apprehended, 17 children had no access to education; 25 are homeless. The data showed 257 children were living with their parents and the majority had completed their primary education.

Your Connect

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

ADMINISTRATION

RECEPTIONISTS & TEL OPERATORS

WANTED Urgently RECEPTIONIST for a Dental Clinic in Basavanagudi. Timings: 9 to 1 PM , 4 PM - 7 PM. Contact: 99808-68093

OTHER VACANCIES

MULTIPLE VACANCIES

BENGALURU Travels required Immdtly Managers, Customer Advisors, Booking executives. Good Salary. Walkin Call: 9900054461/62

WANTED Experienced Site Engineers & Accounts Assistant for a Construction Company in Bangalore. Relevant Candidates may please apply to Whatsapp 8861774290 or hiltecbuilders@gmail.com

BENGALURU JOBS wanted immediately Placement Managers, Client Advisors. Good salary. Ladies pick/ drop. Call: 9900054461/ 9900054462

MEDICAL

MEDICAL

JAIN MISSION HOSPITAL
Chikkaballapur.
100 bedded Multi Speciality Hospital
looking for professionals for the following positions:
- Medical Director
- Consultant Gyneacologist
- Consultant Orthopedic
- General Surgeon
- Consultant Radiologist
- Sr. Family Physician
- Duty Doctors
- Visiting Consultants
- Part Time Visiting Consultants
- Staff Nurses
- Nursing Supervisor
- Nursing Aid
- Optometrist
- OT Technician/Assistant
- CT Technician
- NABH Co-Ordinator
- Front Office

Interested Candidate can send their Resume to: jainmissiontrust@gmail.com
OR Contact : 93412 27262 / 73382 69373

PART TIME JOBS

GLOBAL International India's No.1 Registered Club. Part-Time Job,M&F Daily Income 10,000 to 15,000 PF & ESI. WhtsApp 9538417964/9886959077

TECHNICAL

ENGINEERS

WANTED Civil Engineers with minimum 5 to 10 years Experience for Navami. Mail your resume navamigrous@gmail.com

PLACEMENT CONSULTANTS

BEST JOBS in best Orgns with best Salary. All categories. bengaluru jobs. Quickest Placement system. Just Misscall 24/7: 99000-54468

real estate

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

ANJANAPURA

86x116 ft plot in Green Banks Layout, 5th Blk, Anjanapura, B'lore, BDA Khatha, for SALE. 3.5 Crs. Contact : 98440-62860

PROPERTY ANCILLARIES

LEASE & RENT

LONG Lease 1 Restrobar & 1 Fine Dine Restaurant 5500 sqft each fully furnished ready to start with Bar License at prime location in Multiplex Mall at GS Rd Guwahati 781005 Contact 9820961204 Email donaprnmktg@gmail.com

business

LOANS

NATIONAL-FINANCE 50,000 -100Cr. Personal/ Property/ Business Loan Intt. 2% & 30% Subsidy Female Special get in 2 Days. M: 7846977664.

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sivasankari Veeramani w/o Sanoj Madaswamy R/o Flat No-310, Keerthi Splendor Apts SY No 61/1, Shridi Sai Nagar Munnekollala thubarahalli Whitefield B'luru-560066 have changed my name to Sivasankari Sanoj for all Purposes.

I Anagha Raghavendra Auradker W/O, Shreyas Shridhar Hanchinal R/o E32, 3rd Floor, Century Linea, Amruthahalli Main Road, Jakkur Layout, Bengaluru - 560092 have changed my name to Anagha Raghavendra Auradkar.

I Shanthappa s/o Hanumantha Pujari R/o #10 Om Shakthi Nilaya, Jaibheemnagar 2nd Main Road, BTM Layout 1st Stage B'luru-560068 have changed my name to Shantappa Hanumantha Pujari for all Purposes.

I Noorulla S/O, Nazeer Ahmed Abdul Rahman R/o No.2 26 - C Flat No.01, Ground Floor 1st Cross Nandidurga Road Jayamahal Extension Benson Town, Bengaluru - 560046 have changed my name to Noorulla Ahmed.

I Veena Nagarajaiah w/o Nagarajaiah R/o #175 Anugraha 6th Stage 3rd Block 30th Road Banashankari Chikkegowdanapalya B'luru-560062 have changed my name to Veena for all Purposes.

I, Meenakshi Nullipadi Mallya W/o, Nagesh Nullipadi Mallya R/o 119 Anand Kutira 13 Main 3 Cross Aicoboo Nagar Btm 1 Stage Bengaluru 560068 have changed my name to Meena N Mallya for all purposes.

I K.Harinath S/o late. K.P Vishwanath R/o D/no.291, Vidyanagar Cross, B. B. Main Road, Bettahalasur Post, Bengaluru North, Pin:562157 have changed my name to K. V. Harinath for all purposes.

I, Ramamurthy R/o Flat N0-202,slv Parkview Apartment,soumyashree Badavane,sharadamba Nagar,jalahalli,bengaluru-560013 have changed my minor son's name from Ramamurthy Ashith Murthy to Ashith Ramamurthy.

I, Thaseen Khan w/o Mohammed Ashfaq Khan R/o Flat No-3 Cleveland Apt, No 17/5 F Street Cleveland Town, Frazer Town B'luru-560005 have changed my name to Thaseen Banu for all Purposes.

I, Musthaq Ahmed S/o Aslam Pasha R/o No.1213/A, 4th Cross West , K N Extension L N Colony, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore- 560022 have changed my Name to Musthaq Ahmed A for all purposes

I, Farjan Begum, W/o Naseer Khan, aged about 40 years, R/a: #622, DJ Halli, Bangalore-560045. I have changed my name to Farhana Banu. Vide affidavit dated- 04.12.23. Sworn before notary Leela, Bangalore.

I, Farid Ahamed R/at No 28 5th Cross Rd SRK Nagar Tuba Lay out 2nd Main Rd Thanisandra Main Road Bangalore 560077 Have Changed My Name To Farid Ahmed For All Purposes.

I, waheeda begum Syed Nizam W/o Syed Nizam R/o #21 , 9th Cross , New Shanti Nagar rama Krishna Hedge Nagar B'lore-560077 have changed my name to Waheeda Begum.

I T.Siva Raju S/o Thadeerappa R/at # 68/1,12th Cross, muneshwara layout, laggere, Near B Bestschool,B'luru 560058 have changed my name to Shivaraju T for all purposes.

I, Munawer pasha S/o Abdul Khader R/o #82/113 Near Madeena Masjid Nazeer Sab layout Bomanahalli B'lore-560068 have changed my name to Mohammed Munawer pasha

I SYED KHYUM S/o SYED GAFFAR R/o No: 09, 7th Main Road, Padarayanapura, Bangalore 560026 have changed my name to SYED KHAYUM for all purposes

I, Syed Nizam Moosa S/o Syed Moosa R/o #21 , 9th Cross , New Shanti Nagar rama Krishna Hedge Nagar B'lore-560077 have changed my name to Syed Nizam.

I, Aisha Ahmed R/at No 25/7 5th Cross Bore Bank Road Benson Town Bangalore 560046 Have Changed My Name To Bi Bi Ayesha For All Purposes.

THE TIMES GROUP

Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times Of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and Owners of The Times Of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

Michaung leaves behind trail of loss, disruption

Cyclone makes landfall, claims 12 lives in Chennai

NATION

Twelve people died in the downpour before Tropical Storm Michaung made landfall along India's southeast coast Tuesday, bringing further torrential rains and strong winds, officials said.

The storm entered Andhra Pradesh state with maximum sustained winds of 90-100 kph (56-62 mph) and gusts up to 110 kph (68 mph), the Indian Meteorological Department said, adding that the storm would weaken over the next few hours.

Authorities were on high alert for heavy showers over the next 24 hours.

Another state in the south, Tamil Nadu, experienced days of heavy rains ahead of the storm. Downpours triggered accidents that led to at least 12 deaths across vulnerable districts, officials told the Press Trust of India news agency.

In Tamil Nadu's capital city of Chennai, rain from the storm's outer reaches caused walls to collapse, uprooted trees and submerged roads and cars in knee-deep waters.

Videos on Monday showed water streaming onto the city's airport tarmac, forcing authorities to temporarily shut it down and cancel flights. The downpours have since begun to recede, and the airport has reopened, but many parts of the city remained flooded Tuesday.

Rains also pounded parts of Odisha state in the east, but there were no immediate reports of deaths or severe damage.

People being rescued from their flooded homes and streets in Chennai on Tuesday

In Andhra Pradesh, where the storm made landfall near Ongole district, officials shut down schools and evacuated more than 9,000 people from coastal and low-lying areas.

Parts of the state saw as much as 390 millimeters (15.4 inches) of rain Tuesday morning before the storm closed in, putting officials on high alert as winds uprooted trees and damaged crops.

India's Meteorological Department said rains could continue over the next few days. Michaung is listed as a Severe Cyclonic Storm in the department's cyclone classification system due to its wind speed.

In Tamil Nadu, authorities set up thousands of relief camps in coastal areas. Teams of the National Disaster Response Force and other agencies sent rescuers with boats to evacuate hundreds of people stranded on roads and inside flooded homes. Officials, who declared a public holiday in districts affected by the storm, urged residents to stay indoors.

"In two days, we had 33 cm of rainfall. We faced such bad rains for the first time in the last 47 years. This was worse than the rain we faced in 2015 – Kanimozhi, DMK

In June, rain pelted the shores of western India and southern Pakistan as Cyclone Biparjoy pushed into the coast, prompting both countries to move more than 100,000 people to shelters.

India's coasts are no stranger to cyclones, but changing climate patterns have caused them to become more intense, making preparations for natural disasters more urgent.

Assistance sought

The DMK on Tuesday demanded an immediate central assistance of Rs 5,000 crore to provide relief to the people and rebuild infrastructure in Chennai and nearby districts hit by incessant rains caused by cyclone Michaung.

The demand was made by DMK MP and Parliamentary party leader T R Baalu in Lok Sabha and Tiruchi Siva in Rajya Sabha. – Agencies

IN BRIEF

Special ops to check on rowdies

The police conducted a special operation across all city division police stations, examining wine stores, pubs, restaurants, lodges, bakery-tea stalls, persons, and businesses. During this operation, 247 rowdy sheeters were probed, and it was discovered that one of them had a weapon, therefore a charge under the Arms Act was filed against him at the Kamakshipalya police station. In a separate inquiry, four complaints were made against persons who were causing public disturbance, and 31 cases were filed against shops/individuals who were allegedly breaching the COTPA Act. Basaveshnagar police station detained six people for gambling while inspecting city hotels, seizing Rs 56,400 in cash and playing cards. Concurrently, five old mobs were uncovered during checks on suspicious persons, leading to a case being filed against them under section 96(b) of the KP Act. — BMB

CM to helm panel for Greater B'luru

A coordination committee for Greater Bengaluru will also be formed under the leadership of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said on Tuesday that Brand Bengaluru plan is afoot to ensure planned and systematic development of the city. Replying to a query from Congress MLA NA Harris on the Brand Bengaluru report and future plan of action during the Question Hour in the Legislative Assembly, Reddy said, "Bengaluru was known by many sobriquets in the past including Garden City, Pensioners' Paradise, IT Hub, etc." He said the Deputy Chief Minister has collected thousands of suggestions from organisations and individuals. A total of 70,000 suggestions have been received, he said. — BMB

Meet discusses rise in human-elephant conflict

Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre held a meeting on Monday with the Energy Minister of Karnataka and officials from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) to discuss the increasing number of human-elephant conflict cases in the state. He also announced that looking at the fatalities of kumki elephants and KFD staff during wild elephant capture operations, suitable training for all personnel of the Elephant Task Force will be provided.

"All members of the Elephant Task Force should get proper training before they participate in any such operations. Nodal officers in nine high-conflict districts have already been appointed and they have been instructed to stay in the assigned district for at least two days per week to deal with conflict situations. Currently, railway barricades are the best solution we have to prevent wild elephants from reaching farmlands. Rs 100 crore has already been allocated for this purpose and the barricades are being put up in high-conflict areas. We are looking at securing more funds for the project," said Khandre.

Since April, a total of 43 people have died in human-wildlife conflict in Karnataka. Out of these, 30 deaths were due to elephant attacks. While 10 deaths due to elephant attacks were recorded from Chamarajanagar, seven deaths were reported from Kodagu, three from Ramanagara, two each from Bengaluru and Mysuru, two each from Hassan Circle, and one from Shivamogga. Other than that, two deaths due to wild boar, one due to a crocodile attack, two deaths due to bear attacks, three due to leopard attacks, four deaths due to tiger attacks, and one death due to monkey bite were also registered since April.

"The number of elephants in the state has increased and food availability inside the forest has gone down. While water holes are being created inside the forest areas, we need to work harder towards this," said the Minister.

Arjuna, the sixty-four-year-old Dasara fame elephant who died on Monday in a fight with a wild elephant during an elephant capture operation by KFD near Yeslur in Sakaleshpur was cremated on Tuesday with state honours. The Minister also announced the construction of a memorial in Arjuna's memory. — BMB

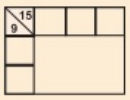
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/theBangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

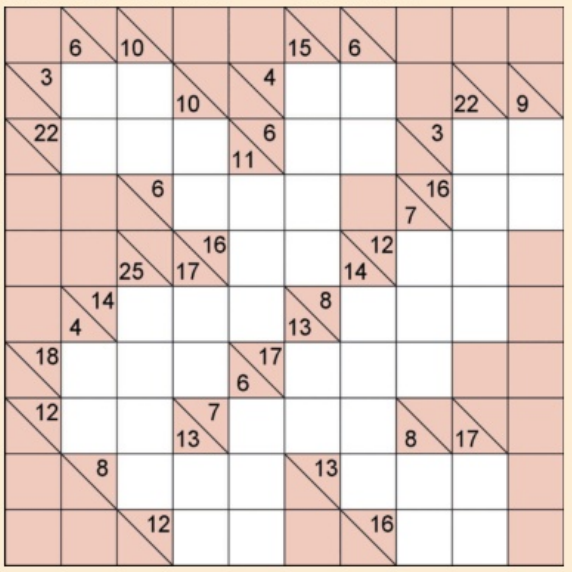
75% of a number when added 75 is equal to that number. What is the original number?

Kakuro

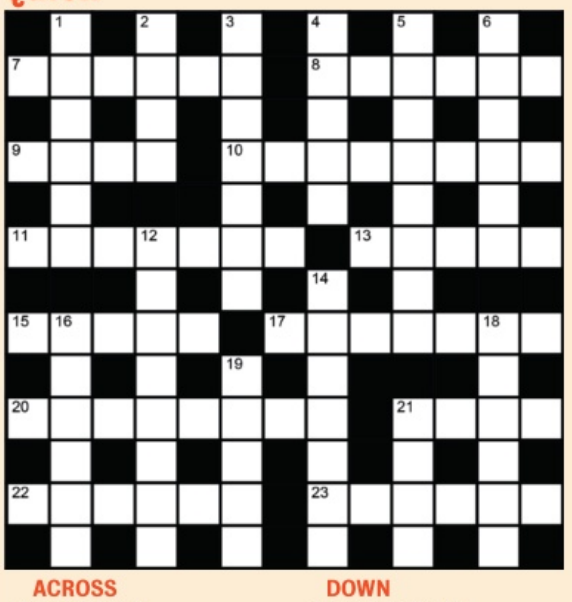
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

7 Collapse (4,2)
8 Calls out; draws out or brings forth (6)
9 IIM grads. (4)
10 Sprang back, as rifles once did (8)
11 Spoke with drawn out vowel sounds (7)
13 Covered the roof (5)
15 Excessive interest (5)
17 Naval vessel? (7)
20 Indian holy city (8)
21 Set of actors (4)
22 Rafters, timbers or blocks (6)
23 Most distant point (6)

DOWN

1 Hairdresser (6)
2 Hawaiian garlands? (4)
3 Concisely (2,5)
4 Tranquillity (5)
5 Supplements to a will (8)
6 Withdraw from a political federation (6)
12 Make-up (informal) (3,5)
14 Dynasty which ruled the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1947 (7)
16 Plays for time (6)
18 Part of the foot (6)
19 Outmoded (5)
21 Wooden-soled shoe (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS G

TGOS WHGL QHE ROYG OQA LMGDNOK MHPGS VQKGLL AHV GFMHPGS NE IA LVIFNEENQU EH NE.

Linemaro

Your body fat percentage is perfectly suited for your height

Mindchow

Move and the way will open

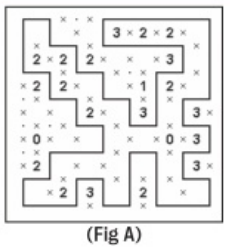
Joke of the day

Swimming is good for you, especially if you are drowning

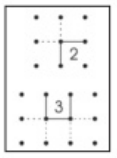
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



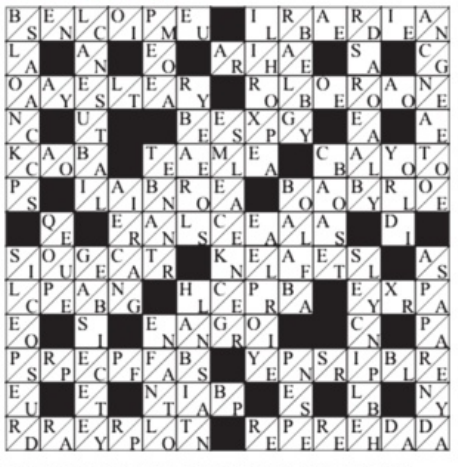
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

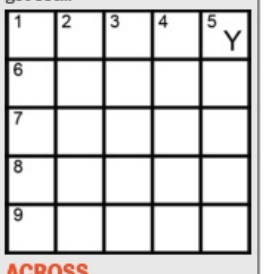
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 USS Fy; 6 IT eve; 7 Us zoo; 8 Feral; 9 Safer

DOWN

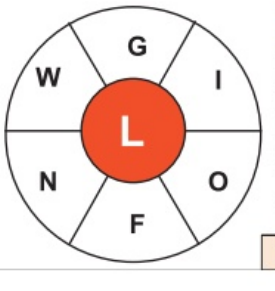
1 Off eff; 2 A luv U; 3 Raz is; 4 Rotes; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

6	7	9	16
4	3	2	4
6	11	5	32
18	10	13	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

13 Average; 15 Good; 17 Outstanding

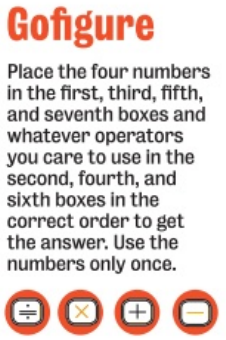
SudokuChallenge

	5	2				3	7	
		6	8		3	5		
8				7				2
	6	4				8	3	
			4		5			
	7	1				2	5	
1				8				5
		5	7		9	6		
	3	9				4	8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

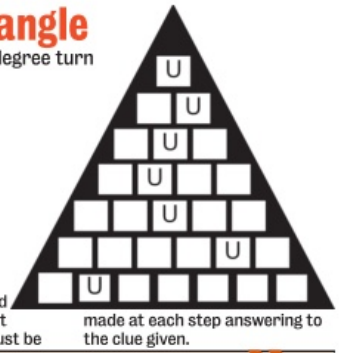
Differences: 1. Window in door is higher. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Fingers are not showing. 4. Hat is different. 5. Collar is different. 6. Woman's coat is longer.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: Brisbane, Canberra, Perth, Sydney?

Alpha triangle

1 Describing a 180 degree turn
2 Et Brute
3 Ump's call
4 Get rid of
5 Sulks
6 Germinate
7 Hold up



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU'VE GOT A NERVE RAISING THE PRICE OF DRINKS JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT MUSIC IN HERE NOW!
EVERY BAR DOES THAT WHEN THEY HAVE LIVE MUSIC
I STILL SAY IT'S A RIP-OFF!
Mel Casson
9-4

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEART! HOW CAN I MAKE A COMMERCIAL FOR THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT?
I DO KNOW A COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR...
BUT ISN'T THIS COMPETITION BETWEEN YOU AND CHARLOTTE GETTING A LITTLE OUT OF HAND?
WAS IT "OUT OF HAND" WHEN DEKU SHATTERED HIS WHOLE HAND IN ORDER TO WIN A FIGHT WITH TODOROKI?
I DON'T KNOW THAT REFERENCE, BUT I GUESS NOT.

Crankshaft

HERE COMES THE SCHOOL BUS!
GRANDMA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
LISTEN... DO YOU WANT TO GET TO SCHOOL OR NOT?
BATIUK & DAVIS tombatiuk.com/books
9-15

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a high position due to your hard work. Your performance at work may be improved. You may also meet some influential person, who may give you a good direction to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in domestic life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be happy as things may be somehow better. You may plan to visit some religious place, which may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to religious places or to charity. You may expect to hear some good news in terms of education or work. Couples may get their suitable match. Singles are likely to find soul mates.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect some long distance travel also. You will have renewed faith in your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel unhappiness. You may feel dull, which affects your way of working. There may be some delay in your project's completion. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or driving fast. Love birds may have to face tensions or even a break up. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy at work. Your network may be increased and with the help of the network you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to show some innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may perform your best in the office. You may have good bonding with the boss and you are likely to get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives at your work also. Disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find a new job.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, kids' education may make you busy. You may plan for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may think to update your CV and make some plans for higher studies to get a promotion in your current job. Singles may find their soul mates. Those working in the field of education, consultancy, banking will do better.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dissatisfaction and are not able to take on your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health issues may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house, it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.

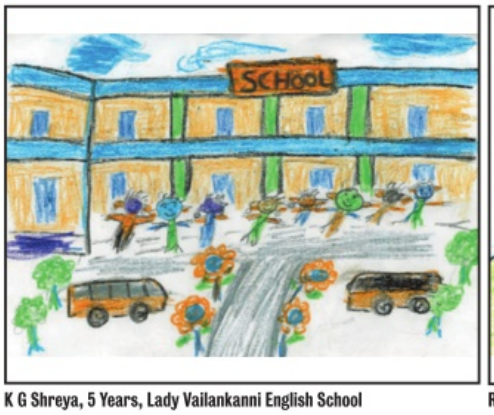
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy with your family. You may feel happy to enjoy it with family or friends. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may gain control over your expenditures on worthless items. You may buy some worthwhile things, which may increase your social status.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today elders' blessings may help you and you may try to improve your patience. Your focus may come back, it may help you to achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life. There may be some balance between expenditures and savings. It may boost your savings.

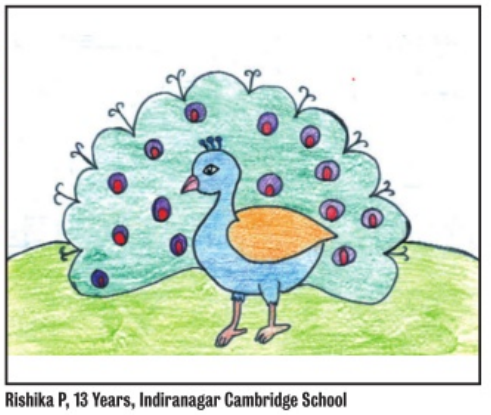
Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your internal power may make you happy, you may get short gains in terms of investments. You may establish good relations with your boss. You may expect promotions. Your prestige in the society may be increased. You may also expect some work related travel.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today some dissatisfaction may come into your mind. You may feel lazy and dull, which affects your current speed of the project or work and may cause delay. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may face disappointments in terms of interviews.

KIDZONE



K G Shreya, 5 Years, Lady Vailankanni English School



Rishika P, 13 Years, Indiranagar Cambridge School

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
75% of 300 = 225 + 75
= 300

RIDDLER
Perth, the only Australian city listed which is on the west coast.

STRIKE OUT

B	E	C	O	M	E	I	B	E	R	I	A	G		
L	A	O		A	H	A		A		G				
O	Y	S	T	E	R	O	B	E	R	O	N			
C	U		E	S	P	Y		E		A				
K	O	A		T	A	M	E		C	L	O	T		
S	L	I	B	R	A		B	O	Y	L	E			
Q		R	A	S	C	A	L	S		D				
S	U	G	A	R		K	E	A	T	S		A		
L	E	A	N		H	E	R	B		E	X	P		
P	R	E	F	A	B		E	N	S	I	L	E		
O		I		N	A	R	I			N		P		
V	A	R	A	N	A	S	I		C	A	S	T		
	T		P		P		D				N			
U	S	U	R	Y		W	A	R	S	H	I	P		
	A			F		W			L					
D	R	A	W		L	E	D		T	I	L	E	D	
	E			I			E		C		D			
M	B	A	S		R	E	C	O	I	L	E	D		
	R		I		B		A		D		C			
C	A	V	E	I	N		E	V	O	K	E	S		
L	A	N	K	S		A	P	O	G	E	E			
E	T		N	I	B		E		L		N			
D	R	Y	R	O	T		R	E	R	E	A	D		

FAST FIVE

F	U	S	S	Y
F	L	A	R	E
O	U	Z	O	S
E	V	I	T	E
F	A	R	E	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Fear does not have any special power unless you empower it by submitting to it.

QUICK

	S		T		E			R		G		P		
P		L		I		S			Y		L		T	
V	A	R	A	N	A	S	I			C	A	S	T	
			T		P		P		D				N	
	U	S	U	R	Y		W	A	R	S	H	I	P	
			A			F		W			L			
	D	R	A	W		L	E	D		T	I	L	E	D
			E			I			E		C		D	
	M	B	A	S		R	E	C	O	I	L	E	D	
			R		I		B		A		D		C	
	C	A	V	E	I	N		E	V	O	K	E	S	
	L	A	N	K	S		A	P	O	G	E	E		
	E	T		N	I	B		E		L		N		
	D	R	Y	R	O	T		R	E	R	E	A	D	

MENSA PUZZLE
32: 6 × 4 = 6 + 18 ,
7 × 3 = 11 + 10 ,
9 × 2 = 5 + 13 ,
16 × 4 = 32 + 32

BULL'S EYE
fling, flog, flow, FLOWING, flown, foil, fowl, glow, golf, inflow, ling, lingo, lion, loin, long, lowing, wolf

SUDOKU

6	3	9	1	5	2	4	8	7
2	8	5	7	4	9	6	1	3
1	4	7	3	8	6	9	2	5
9	7	1	6	3	8	2	5	4
3	2	8	4	1	5	7	9	6
5	6	4	2	9	7	8	3	1
8	9	3	5	7	4	1	6	2
7	1	6	8	2	3	5	4	9
4	5	2	9	6	1	3	7	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, Tu, Out, Oust, Pouts, Sprout, Support.

GO FIGURE
8 – 2 – 2 + 5 = 9
Easy
5 × 2 – 5 × 4 = 20
Medium
5 + 7 × 1 – 1 = 11
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

Volume No 16, Issue No 117 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/21142 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by R.J. Prakashan at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Fax – 40877545, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru – 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon – responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

 # Papa is a fan
Superstar Shah Rukh Khan dons 'The Archies' T-shirt at screening of his daughter Suhana Khan's debut film

ALIZEH'S ICONS

In interview, young actor tells us about her role model

Atul and Alvira Agnihotri's daughter and Salman Khan's niece Alizeh recently made an impactful debut with Farrey. For her debut, she made a very brave choice of playing a character which is exactly opposite to her, be it education wise or background wise, where she could have chosen a safe project to begin her journey.

Talking about it in an exclusive interview with ETimes, she mentions, "I don't think I really could pick and choose my first film. Farrey is something that happened organically. I just knew that the kind of films that I want to do are the films that I like to watch and Farrey was that script. There are many different ways in which a woman can be launched into the movies and my character represents just one of them, it looks different because it has not been done before but that doesn't mean that the girl is rare. One would find many girls like my character in the world. So it does feel like two different worlds and they are two different worlds, but I think what connected me to the characters is that we actually have a lot more in common than people would think."

She also mentioned that two films which helped her to get into the character were Good Will Hunting and 3 Idiots!

Alizeh also recalled one of the earliest memories about Katrina Kaif. She mentioned that Katrina was a part of her life when she was very young, but hasn't got the chance to meet with the superstar actress much since the time she began her acting career. She said, "My earliest memories of Katrina was her learning Hindi when we didn't have smartphones. I remember she was using this tiny little device with one battery, it was probably an audio player. And she had her headphones on and she was learning it from scratch by herself. She worked really hard and went beyond expectations in the way she proved herself, be it language or dance. She is one of the most hard working individuals. —ETimes

Meet Squadron Leader Minal Rathore

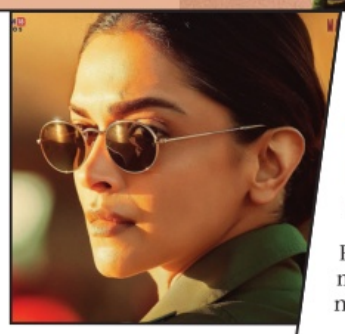
Actress Deepika Padukone, who recently grabbed headlines after her appearance in 'Koffee With Karan', has unveiled the name of her character from her upcoming action film 'Fighter' in which she stars alongside actor Hrithik Roshan.

In the film, Deepika will be seen portraying Squadron Leader Minal Rathore, known by her call sign 'Minni'.

Her role as a Pilot in the Air Dragons unit showcases resilience and valour.

This marks her first 'mission' as a helicopter pilot as she continues to break barriers and display her acting mastery. The actress took to her social media, and shared the exclusive look on her social media and wrote in the caption, "Squadron Leader Minal Rathore. Call Sign: Minni. Designation: Squadron Pilot. Unit: Air Dragons."

Her character in the film embodies fortitude, determination of 'Fighter'. Earlier, Hrithik shared the look of this character from the film. —IANS



Stepping out

Actor Freida Pinto, who rose to fame with her role in Danny Boyle's 'Slumdog Millionaire' talked about her future projects and said that she doesn't want to confine herself to Hollywood, reported Variety. "I've always looked at cinema globally," she told Variety. "After 'Slumdog,' I could have played all the Indian roles, the girlfriends and sidekicks, or just gone and done something only in India."

Talking about playing challenging roles like playing a Palestinian girl in 'Miral', which is a biographical political film directed by Julian Schnabel. "I know it's not okay these days because the world has opened up and there's so much talent," Pinto said. "But -- and I don't mean this in a pompous way -- with a film like 'Miral,' where I'm playing a Palestinian girl and it's such a controversial subject matter, they needed someone then who could put butts on seats. I now see that's why they chose me, but at the time I thought: I can see myself as x, y and z, and I feel that in me too. The way I think now is not the way I thought back then, at all. But those films opened doors and made people more aware of a whole region, which has so much talent and so many stories... —Agencies

Love, honestly

Hollywood star Tom Holland says girlfriend Zendaya is "the most honest" with him and he loves the tough love she gives him.

Speaking in an interview for the SAG-AFTRA Foundation, he said: "Zendaya is probably the most honest with me. Which I love, 'cause you need that."

Tom also revealed fellow Marvel stars Robert Downey Jr., 58, and Benedict Cumberbatch, 47, are the best advice givers, though he quipped: "Downey is very honest - sometimes a little too honest," reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Tom continued: "I really respect Downey's opinion. He taught me so much and I always sing his praises, and I love the guy. I admire him. "Benedict Cumberbatch is someone that I ask for advice a lot about acting."

Meanwhile, Zendaya has recently been forced to deny she and Tom are engaged.

The 'Greatest Showman' star has been dating her co-star for three years now, and fans speculated that the couple might have taken their relationship to the next level when she appeared to be wearing an engagement ring on that finger.

In a since-deleted post on her Instagram story, she clarified: "I can't post anything, you guys. I posted it for my hat. Like not for the ring on my right hand, you guys, seriously. You think that's how I would drop the news? You think, like, what!" —IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Only for women!

Should there be bars exclusively catering to women? The movie Ladies' Bar is expected to throw some light on this subject when it hits the silver screen in a few weeks.

Muthu AN from Bagalkot is the director for this movie, his third as a director. His previous movies Baravase (meaning assurance in Kannada) and Danda Pindagalu (meaning useless people in Kannada) are ready for release.

"I got this idea of exclusive bars and restaurants for women in 2018. I began working on the script much before an unpleasant incident took place on MG Road where a brawl broke out between men and women. The movie Ladies' Bar has a strong message to society," says Muthu.

The director said the shooting of the movie is completed and a major portion of the post production work is completed.

First look out

One more alumnus of Prague Film School is set to enter Sandalwood. Raam Reddy who handled megaphone for Kannada movie Thithi is from Prague Film School. Now, Vaibhav Mahadev gears up to helm the film Juni, a love story.

Prithvi Ambar who became famous for his role in Diya that was released in 2020 will play the lead in Juni while Rishika Naik is paired opposite him.

"Juni means loveable person in Scandinavian. I had the training in direction from Prague Film School in 2018. Later, I made a short film titled Jenny. It is a silent movie released on YouTube. The shooting of Juni began in May 2022 and it is completed now. It is my first movie as a director," said Vaibhav Mahadev.

Mahadev said that the script of Juni is inspired by some incidents that took place. "The post-production work is at its final stage. The movie will be released shortly after that and after we get a censor certificate. Its first look has been well-received," he said.

The movie is bankrolled by Mohan Kumar with Shreyas YS under the Thrishool Creations banner. The movie was shot in and around Bengaluru. The team of Juni is planning to release the teaser, trailer, and soundtrack.